Rocks

Rocks, Oct. 9.- Farmers are busy getting their land neady to sow wheat.

Mrs. Rhomy Wilson, Mrr John Ranson und Mrs. Lillie Jennings attended a church meeting at Appomattox recently.

Molasses making started up last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs W. M. Gow, of Battle Creek, Michigan arrived last week to visit Mrs. Ida Roach and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roach

Fourteen members gathered in the home of Mrs. John Ranson for a church meeting Tuesday night.

John Ranson is working at Glasgow, Va.

Mrs. S. C. Ranson attended the W. M. U. Executive Board meeting at Liberty Church last Monday.

Miss Doris Evelyn Wilson has accepted a job with the Garment Factory at Appomattox.

Miss Irene Simmons is going to Phillips Secretarial College, Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Williams and Steve, of Waynesboro, are spending a part of their vacation here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roach.

Robert Roach took some calves to Lynchburg last Monday.

Quite a few attended the street dance at Pamplin Friday night.

Rocks Church was represented at the Sunday School meeting at Elon Church Friday night.

Edward Ranson attended a meeting of the Highway Department in Lynchburg Friday night

A very large crowd attended the shower given Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Roach Saturday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ranson.

They received many nice and useful gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Inge and Diane, of Farmville spent Saturday night with Mrs. D. R. Inge

Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Dickerson and Danny, of Brookneal spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Almond.

Mrs. Otis Ranson went to Brookneal Sunday to take her husband there to catch a train to go to his work.

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Evergreen

Evergreen, Oct. 10.- Mrs. Howard Glover helped Mrs. G. W. Glover quilt Wednesday afternoon.

The Rev. Tearle Brown preached a fine sermon here at the Baptist Church Sunday night.

J. L. Evans spent the week-end with his wife at Catawba.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Smith and son, Freddie, of Alexandria, spent several days here last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Warriner.

Mrs. Howard Glover and girls and Herbert Greene all motored to Lynchburg Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Junior Blackwell and son were Sunday guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Green Garrett.

Paul Ferguson and son, Gregory, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Reynolds.

Mrs. W. E. Warriner fell last week and is suffering with a sprained ankle.

Mr. and Mrs. David Garrett spent last week visiting relatives in Washington, Alexandria, Norfolk, and other points.

Mrs. A. Tibbs and daughter, of Red House visited Mrs. J. C. Staples last week.

Mrs. L. L. Stewart is not well at this writing.

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Using Your Bible

Lesson for October 15, 1950

THE BIBLE must be approached in three ways: with the head, with the heart and with the will. With the head for understanding, the heart for appreciation and reverence, and the will for obedience. It was the first Apostle Philip in the Ethiopian Do you understand what you are reading? Not, unless you enjoy it, or unless you believe it. Do you understand it? If not, then as a reader you are neither fully nor rightly enjoy it.

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The King James Version
THE BEST and simplest help in understanding the Bible is to read it in the language we speak. Unfortunately it was not written in that tongue, but in Hebrew and Greek. We have to read it in translations. There are scores of translations in English alone. The most widely sold of these is the one known by various names: the King James, or the Authorized, or the 1611, version. This was first published in 1611, being essentially a revision of the Bishop's Bible, a still earlier translation. The name "authorized" is misleading, however, for it never was authorized by church or state. It is a noble example of 17th century English and has had a wide influence wherever English-speaking people have gone.

The fact is, however, that people today do not speak 17th-century English any more, and very few of us even read it. Consequently the Bible, in this King James version, has a quaint Shakespearian sound, and the difficulty of the language is one of the main reasons why the average American today finds it hard to read. Furthermore, the King James is inaccurate in many places. At the time it was published, the translators were working from Greek manuscripts which are now known not to be either the earliest or the best available. For these reasons, fresh translations of the Bible were greatly needed.

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20th Century Translations
THE NEWEST modern-English translations of the Bible haven't changed the Book; they are simply helping the reader to get back to the ideas of the original apostles and prophets; they are putting the Bible again into the language people actually speak.

Some of the more important versions may be noted here. Practically all the churches of Protestant North America have been co-operating through the International Council of Religious Education, in producing what is called the "Revised Standard Version" of which the New Testament is already out, and very popular too. The whole Bible in this version is due to be off the press by September 1952.

This is an excellent version for church or liturgical use, as it keeps close to the King James rhythm wherever it can; for the King James version, whatever its fault, has a rhythm about parts of it (notably the Psalms) which has never been surpassed.

Two other translations have been before the public, and have won many friends, for a score of years now: Moffat's, and the American Translation by Goodspeed, J.M.P. Smith and others. (This latter includes the Apocrypha, to which most Protestants are strangers).

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At One Sitting
THE average reader, used to taking his Bible in snippets of a verse or two, or a chapter at most, at one time, will find that he can sit down with one of these modern translations and just read on and on, fascinated by the book he has discovered for the first time.

One of the "hardest" yet most important parts of the Bible, for instance, is the Epistles section of the New Testament. Every one of these epistles is a short letter, but how few persons ever read one straight through! Let the reader who is puzzled by the Epistles get a copy of "Letters to Young Churches," a translation by J. B. Phillips, and he will find that dark part of the New Testament simply opening up and shining. The work of translating will go on and on as long as language keeps changing; let us thank God for all those who in our time have been making the Word of God again an open book for all men.

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Richwood

Richwood, Oct. 10.- "The emphasis, of late years, has all been on receiving. Subsidies, benefits, pensions, bonus payments and other governmental handtuots mileadingly called 'social security,' are now and more the order of the day. The theory that men owe it to themselves to win their way is even regarded as reactionary. Instead of believing that all men are worthy of respect, by virtue of their individual effort, we tend to say all men are worthy of support by virtue of political action." —Quoted.

Services at the Central Baptist Church Sunday evening at 7:30.

Week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh were Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Jones and family, of Newport News; Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Dobbs and R. P. Marsh, of Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Woodall, and Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Marsh and family, of Lynchburg.

Esmond Pugh and Willie Pugh were in Lynchburg on business Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilburn and family were in Richmond Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Pugh were the Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh.

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FREEDOM COMES UNDER ATTACK. The reality of war has made every American think hard about the things he's willing to work and fight for—and freedom leads the list.

But that freedom has been attacked here recently—just as it has been attacked in other parts of the world. One of the most serious threats to individual freedom has been the threat of Government-dominated Compulsory Health Insurance, falsely presented as a new guarantee of health "security" for everybody.

THE PEOPLE WEIGH THE FACTS. In the American manner, the people studied the case for Socialized Medicine—and the case against it.

They found that Government domination of the people's medical affairs under Compulsory Health Insurance means lower standards of medical care, higher payroll taxes, loss of incentive, damage to research, penalties for the provident, rewards for the improvident.

They found that no country on earth can surpass America's leadership in medical care and progress. They found that able doctors, teachers, nurses and scientists —working in laboratories where Science, not Politics, is master—are blazing dramatic new trails to health for Americans—and for the world.

THE "GRASS ROOTS" SIGNALS CONGRESS. In every community in the Nation, people stood up to be counted on this important issue. Thousands of local women's clubs, civic groups, farm, business, religious, taxpayer, medical, educational and patriotic organizations spoke out—giving the great United States Congress its unmistakable Grass Roots signal from home!

And ever watchful, ever sensitive to an alert people, The Congress saw that signal, and heard the people speak out, loud and plain. That's democracy in action. That's the American way!

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